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Paying Utilities With Ease

*Save Money
on utility bills
and take the worry out
of being late!*

City of Fort Lauderdale utility customers can now pay their utility bills without writing a check or using a stamp. In addition to saving money on checks and stamps, eliminate the worry of incurring penalties for late payments received.

The Automatic Bill Payment Plan is the City's newest service designed to make life a bit easier for utility customers.

With this service, utility account payments can be made directly from a checking or savings account without a sign-up fee. However, customers are encouraged to check with their financial institution for any possible bank imposed fees.

"The Automatic Bill Payment Plan is not only a convenient and easy alternative for customers to use, but is one of the safest ways to pay utility bills," said **Clyde J. Cole**, City of Fort Lauderdale Treasurer.

All it takes is a completed enrollment form and a voided check to ensure that all bank account information is correct. Once processed, enrolled customers will receive a confirmation message on their utility statement reading "Your account will have an ACH (Automated Clearing House) deduction." Securing enrollment into the program can take up to 60 days. The average is 30 days or less.

Brochures containing programing details and enrollment forms for the Automatic Bill Payment Plan were mailed with the utility bills in July, however additional forms are available from Utilities billing personnel located on the first floor of City Hall at 100 N. Andrews Avenue or by calling Customer Service at **761-5150**.



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A Message From Mayor Jim Naugle



Let's Clear The Air

The City of Fort Lauderdale has long been a leader in promoting a clean and healthy environment. The benefits of protecting our green space; of clean beaches and waterways; of protecting the quality of our water are readily apparent. Our health and well-being, our quality of life, and the vitality of our economy are directly linked to the success we have had in protecting our natural environment.

An area of increasing concern for our resi-

dents has been the quality of the air we breath. And while overall air quality in the City of Fort Lauderdale is good, there is room for improvement. A recent study by the American Lung Association gave Broward County a grade of C for air quality based on the increasing number of bad air days when concentrations of ozone, also known as smog, reached unhealthy levels.

Ground level ozone is formed when pollutants emitted by cars, power plants, industrial boilers, refineries, chemical plants and other sources react with sunlight. These pollutants mix in the lower atmosphere and --especially on hotter days-- form into the noxious gas known as ozone. This ozone can pose a serious health threat for children and seniors, and for those suffering from lung ailments like asthma, emphysema or bronchitis. At higher levels, this ozone can cause problems even for those with the healthiest lungs.

In Fort Lauderdale, the largest single source of these pollutants is the power plant at Port Everglades. This outdated facility, built over 30 years ago, ranks 12th on the list of Florida's dirtiest power plants. In 1998, this power plant was responsible for over nine thousand tons of nitrogen oxide, 21 thousand tons of sulfur dioxide,

and over four million tons of carbon dioxide being released into our air.

And while this facility does comply with local, state and national regulations, it is the beneficiary of a loop-hole in our national Clean Air Act, exempting power plants built prior to 1970 from updated air quality standards. This loop hold allows for emission levels far exceeding those of newer power plants. Unfortunately, under current federal law, these power plants can continue to pollute indefinitely. Some power companies have chosen to voluntarily upgrade their power plants to reduce emissions. Most continue to delay upgrading dirty, old power plants like the one at Port Everglades. An effort is presently under way in Congress to fix the national Clean Air Act, and to require that these dirty, old power plants be brought up to modern standards. I encourage our leaders in Congress to join in this effort.

As citizens and as consumers of electricity, we do have a say in how these facilities are managed. We in Fort Lauderdale stand ready to work with local power providers to develop a plan that will incorporate practices, technologies and energy sources that minimize the impact of electric power generation on our health and environment.

Wingate Road Landfill Begins Clean-Up



After years of delays and reviews, the long-awaited cleanup of the Wingate Road Landfill and Incinerator at 1300 NW 31st Ave., is getting under way this fall.

"More than 20 years have passed since the landfill closed," said Assistant City Manager **Greg Kisela**. "The City and the cooperating companies assisting in the cleanup are entering a new chapter, turning this into a safe, clean site that can become a community asset."

The IT Group, the nationally respected environmental engineering firm handling the cleanup, expects to complete installation of the Environmental Protection Agency's remedy at Wingate by midyear 2001.

Meanwhile, the private companies and local governments participating in the cleanup have established a community outreach program to gather suggestions and input from neighborhood residents and keep them informed throughout the cleanup process.

Nearby residents may see several high-tech, air-monitoring stations around the site perimeter, one of many steps being taken to minimize off-site impacts from the work. Controlling dust, noise and truck traffic are high priorities.

After setting up temporary office trailers at the 60-acre site, IT Group crews and subcontractors began debris pick-up, to be followed by vegetation

removal. Decontamination and demolition of the old incinerator and other buildings is scheduled to begin in November.

Minority subcontractors will complete more than 25 percent of the work. Several companies from the Wingate area, including B&M Lawn Service and Landscaping Inc., and Crime Prevention Security, are among the subcontracting team. Recent graduates of the Brownfields Training Program also are participating.

Demolition crews transform two structures on the eastside of the landfill into rubble to begin Wingate clean-up.

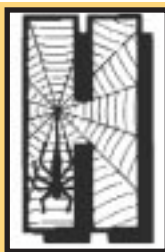
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Halloween Safe Zone Fort Lauderdale Police, Turn Around Fort Lauderdale Offer Safe Place & Tips

Ghosts and goblins make Halloween complete at a Haunted House offered at the Fort Lauderdale Community Policing Center on Friday, October 27th and Saturday, October 28th from 7 to 11 p.m. The Haunted House, sponsored by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department



and Turn Around Fort Lauderdale, will provide a safe zone for children with festivities for the entire family. Admission to the Haunted House is free. The Community Policing Center is located at 1113 E. Sunrise Blvd. For more information, contact the Community Policing Center at **759-6400**.



Halloween Tips To Treat With

* A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.

Remind Trick-or-Treaters:

- * By using a flashlight, they can see and be seen by others.
- * Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- * Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- * Never cut across yards or alleys.
- * Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- * Do not eat treats until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.

Assistant Finance Director Puts Award-Winning Budget Practices On The Books

For the last 15 years, the City of Fort Lauderdale has been honored with the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association Award) for Distinguished Budget Presentation. In October, the City's award-winning budget techniques and practices will be put on the books as an example for other organizations to follow.

City of Fort Lauderdale Assistant Finance Director **Terry Sharp** will serve as guest speaker at a GFOA Satellite Teleconference entitled "Budgeting for High Performance Organizations: New Models and Best Practices." Sharp will discuss performance measurement and benchmarking before joining other speakers in a panel discussion. GFOA is the professional association of state/provincial and local finance officers in the United States and Canada.

Maintaining Quality Of Life Behind The Scenes

Providing quality water, sanitation, law enforcement, fire-rescue and citizen services requires not only a commitment to our mission, but a round-the-clock vigilant approach to staying ahead of operations. Critical to ensuring that services operate in an efficient, cost-effective and proactive manner, is a strong backbone from which to develop and support the processes necessary for superior customer service. At times, the support and processes are behind the scenes.

For example, the City of Fort Lauderdale engages in efforts throughout the year to prevent the rising cost of flood insurance for property owners in low-lying areas. Currently, the City of Fort Lauderdale has a Class 9 designation in the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program. Each year, the City strives to pass on a 5% reduction in flood insurance costs to residents, based on widespread efforts to educate the community about flood safety and insurance protection required by state and national legislation. Recent rain events demonstrated the benefits of quality stormwater management improvements established behind-the-scenes in recent years at the City of Fort Lauderdale. The positive influences of ongoing outreach flood preparation programs were also evident. These are services,

that perhaps may not always seem obvious, nonetheless are operating 24-hours a day to ensure that quality of life standards are maintained and surpassed.

The Public Services Department is the largest service provider of infrastructure service in Broward County operating, managing and overseeing all water, wastewater and stormwater activities throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale and several adjacent communities. All sanitation operations in the City are covered as well. Behind the scenes the Customer Service Center staff provides round-the-clock assistance to citizens in need of a wide range of these public services and information. Whether it's 2 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon, or 2 a.m. on Tuesday morning, the customer service staff is the central nucleus to providing responsive services to citizens.

Community Policing efforts are probably one of the more obvious City services viewable throughout the community. The department maintains constant proactive contact with citizens individually through homeowners associations and other neighborhood or civic groups. Not as evident are the efforts that are further supported by a citizen steering committee which advises the department regarding the prioritiza-

A Message From City Manager Floyd T. Johnson



tion and direction of ongoing efforts and new initiatives. In addition, the police department shaves millions of tax dollars from the City budget by obtaining the funding assistance of state and federal law enforcement agency grants. Each year, millions of dollars in federal and state funds are used to fund, enhance and implement community oriented crime prevention initiatives.

These are just a few highlights of the operations that serve with low-visibility. Nonetheless, these operations are designed to pay off in the long run for citizens in the form of enhanced quality of life. I urge all citizens to get involved and get to know our services in order to truly see and experience the benefits.

Filing For Homestead Exemption



City Hall Serves As A Site For Easy Homestead Exemption Filing On October 12, January 18, February 8

March 1, 2000 is the deadline to file for a \$25,000 Homestead Exemption for 2001. To assist property owners in registering, a representative from the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will be available in the 8th floor break room of Fort Lauderdale City Hall on October 12, January 18 and February 8 from 1 -2 p.m. each day.

In order to qualify for a 2001 Homestead Exemption, property owners must provide the following items:

- * Recorded warranty deed or tax bill in your name;
- * Florida Diver's License;
- * Florida vehicle registration or declaration of domicile;
- * Non-U.S. Citizens need a permanent VISA or GREEN or PINK CARD and a recorded declaration of domicile;
- * Widows/Widowers: Please bring Spouses Death Certificate, News Clipping or Memorial Card;
- * Husband and wife may file for each other, if all documents are present for both;
- * To receive a Disability Exemption, individuals must bring a letter from the Veteran's Administration or letters from two professionally unrelated Florida doctors.

For more information, please call the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office at **357-6830**.

Fort Lauderdale Police Department Sponsors Upcoming Events

the Fort Lauderdale Community Policing Center, located at 1113 East Sunrise Blvd. For more information, please call Project Director **Alisa Cappuzzello** at **759-6433**.

New Workshop Offers Topics For Hotel/Motel Properties... Hotel/Motel Training, the newest workshop offered by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Community Policing Center, will take place on Tuesday, October 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Community Policing Center, located at 1113 East Sunrise Boulevard. The seminar is free and open to the public. Topics include Florida Statutes, definitions, rules and regulations, keeping illegal activity out of public lodging establishments, city resources, and more. Call **759-6428** for more information and to register.

Give-Away Program Offers Free Paint... While supplies last, the Fort Lauderdale Community Policing Demonstration Center, located at 1113 East Sunrise Blvd. will assist in the distribution of 5 gal buckets of beige paint. This long-term project, being held Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., is free to residents only. Residents will be asked to show identification and to sign for the paint. For more information please contact Public Service Aide **Leslie Fass** at **759-6400**.

License Plate Theft Prevention Program Takes Bite Out Of Crime... The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is distributing free tools that are designed to prevent the theft of license plates. The tools, which serve as screws, are attached to the license plate with a regular screwdriver, but can only be removed with a special tool held by the Police Department. License Plate Theft Prevention screws are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., while supplies last, at

The City of Fort Lauderdale Community Area Planning (CAP) Workshops continue to focus on the Central Area. The Central Area is the portion of the City bounded by the Middle River (north); Broward Blvd. (south); U.S. 1 (east); and the City's corporate limits (west). The CAP is an initiative that gives the public an opportunity to work with City staff to develop goals to help improve the community. The following meetings are scheduled:

CLC Meeting November 1

**6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
8th Floor, City Hall
100 N. Andrews Avenue**

Community Forum III November 15 (open house)

**6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Mills Pond Park Pavilion**

CLC Meeting December 12

**6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
8th Floor, City Hall
100 N. Andrews Avenue**

For more information about Community Forum II or the CAP process, contact the City of Fort

Lauderdale Office of Community and Comprehensive Planning at **762-8964**, or visit City's web site at: **<http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/cap/>**.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Royal Palm Bug Poses Threat To Palm Fronds



Now is the time of year to start thinking about taking preventive action against the Royal Palm Bug.

Last Spring, Fort Lauderdale's Cuban Royal Palms (*Roystonea Regia*) were heavily infested with Royal Palm Bugs (*Xylastodoris Luteolus*) and many still look rather unhealthy due to the insect attack. Royal Palm Bugs are very small red-eyed insects with adults being less than 1/10th of an inch long. The insects are high above in the crowns of the royal palms; rarely attacking palms under 25 feet tall. During the spring, female Royal Palm Bugs lay their eggs on the midribs of emerging fronds. The eggs hatch in less than two weeks and develop into adults in about a month. The developing insects feed on the new frond and this gives a yellow or brown appearance to newly emerging fronds. A damaged frond can stay on a Royal Palm for well over a year, becoming gray and frizzled in appearance over time.

There are a few chemical methods available to attack the Royal Palm bug. None of these methods are available to the homeowner but must be contracted through an arborist or other professional who is a state-certified pesticide applicator. Chemical methods should only be used in severe infestation cases, because of insecticides leaching through the soil into the water table.

Also, a healthy palm is less likely to succumb to Royal Palm bug with a regular fertilization program. South Florida's sandy soils and rainfall combine to leave little resources from which mature palms can draw nutrients. Homeowners should also protect their palms from injuries. Lawn mowers, weed eaters, and car bumpers can do irreparable damage to palms. Driving of nails, staples or screws into the palms to mount signs result in wounds. Palms do not "heal" or callous over wounds so injuries can become permanent openings for insects and decay.



Proper fertilization and a little extra care can increase the health and life-span of our royal palms. For more information, contact **Gene Dempsey**, the City's Urban Forester, at **761-5785**, or **GeneD@ci.ftlaud.fl.us**.

- Information courtesy of

Gene Dempsey, Urban Forester.

Music-lovers of all ages will find food, fun and three days of cool blues music in an intimate outdoor setting of the Fort Lauderdale Stadium Grounds at the 14th Annual Sound Advice Blues Festival.

This year's festival theme "From Roots to Rock" will encompass performances by Bernard Allison, Koko Taylor and her Blues Machine, Bo Diddley with the Debby Hastings Band, Tinsley Ellis and much more.

A variety of activities will offer festival-goers plenty of opportunities to meet face to face with performers like blues legend Pinetop Perkins.

More than 23 performances, featuring authentic Blues music, are scheduled on two separate stages. Take a seat at The Blues Corner designed to provide historical and cultural blues workshop experiences from such legends as Bo Diddley, Bob Margolin, Billy Boy Arnold and much more.



**November
3 - 5,
2000**

**Fort Lauderdale Stadium
Festival Grounds**

Friday 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.



Blues Legend Pinetop Perkins, a favorite with blues lovers, will be available again for autographs and tunes.



Get the tips and tales of Blues Performing from the legends.



Kids can get into the music at the Cool Blues Kids Zone.

Wanted...

Energetic, positive, friendly, solution seeking, active individual who likes people of all ages, music, food and getting involved when things need to happen. If you are a behind-the-scenes kind of person who loves going to festivals, special events and activities, then become a Festival Volunteer. Benefits? How about free admission to great places and happenings, T-shirts, recognition, prizes and snacks after shifts. To apply, contact Mickie Brodie at 489-3256 or 489-3260.

New Program Introduces Personalized Customer Service

Whether its extending a room in your home or obtaining permitting for a corporate office complex, the City of Fort Lauderdale Construction Services Bureau is committed to facilitating the process.

Professional Days, launched October 1, is a new customer service program implemented for a 60-day trial period at the City's One Stop Shop. This service provides one-on-one meetings between customers and city staff to resolve issues and answer questions. On the first and third Monday of each month, customers can schedule

appointments with staff to obtain information pertaining to specific permits and plans.

To ensure that all staff is available on Professional Days, the Construction Services Bureau will not provide walk-thru permitting on Professional Days. However, all customers may still drop off permit applications and take advantage of fax permitting.

"Whether its questions about outstanding permits, plan reviews, final DRC sign offs, or your plans in the process, the Construction Services Bureau is ready to assist," said **Cecelia Hollar**,

Director of Construction Services. "A sign-up sheet, located at the information counter of the One-Stop Shop makes it convenient to schedule your appointment."

The One-Stop-Shop is located at 300 N.W. 1st Ave. For more information, call **761-5191**.



Parks & Recreation Director Retires After 18 Years Of Service

After 18 years as director of one of the largest municipal park systems in South Florida, **Thomas L. Tapp** is trading in his parks and recreation gear for retirement.

To this director, parks and recreation is a quality of life standard that must never fall below the expectations of his client - the community.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is honored to have worked with Tom Tapp as the Parks and Recreation Director and wishes him and his family many joyfull and fulfilling years of retirement. He will be missed by all.

Overseeing the operations of more than 940 acres of parks and recreation grounds, hundreds of hours in programs and 365 days of parks and recreation maintenance a year, the department has achieved the recognition of a Gold Medal Award.

"I've had the great fortune of working with a department that has evolved tremendously. I've had the opportunity to bring together and work with an extremely dedicated staff and community. Best of all, I've had the privilege of actually seeing Parks and Recreation play an integral role in quality of life for this community," said Tapp.

His dedication and leadership in such efforts as beach redevelopment, the 1987 and 1996 General Obligation Bonds, the Air & Sea Show, capital improvement enhancements, teen initiative programs and Riverwalk, have gained him the respect, trust and admiration of citizens and business owners he has worked with through the years. In return, members of the community have come forward to express words of sentiment to the Park giant.

"No one can compare to Tom," said **Floyd V. Hull**, a 30-year Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board member. "It has been tremendously fulfilling to work with him. His wisdom and insight have made the Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department one of the best in the country.

"Tom was the first person we presented the idea of the Air and Sea Show to seven years ago. He has been instrumental in the success of the show. His

faith, vision and support of the concept of bringing this event to Fort Lauderdale and in me are unequalled," said **Mickey Markoff**, Promoter of the Air & Sea Show.

"One thing I admire about Tom is that he takes so much pride in doing his job with 100 percent that it becomes contagious. He has earned the respect of this community, both public and private, because he has given so much to this community. The Parks and Recreation Department has risen to the redevelopment of the beach," said **John Amodeo**, Owner of Oasis and Sloop John B's restaurants on the beach.

"Tom Tapp has continued to inspire me and the efforts of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau," **Nicki E. Grossman**, Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau President. "He embraces new things, he looks for ways to improve the City's image and he can see the benefits of diversity in what we offer our residents and visitors."



Bark Park frequenters **Stubby and Kim McKay** get a workout from a variety of agility and recreational equipment designed to keep canine physiques up to snuff. For more information contact Snyder Park at 468-1585.

A Canine's Paradise At Snyder Park

With everything from trendy furnishings to gourmet puppy cuisines, the market has found a niche in the world of canines. Snyder Park too has created a paradise for pooches that provides off-leash recreation to its canine citizens.

Bark Park, located inside Snyder Park at 3299 S.W. 4th Ave., opened its gates exclusively to dogs and their owners for the first time in October. Bark Park is the City's first canine park that joins a list of less than 50 parks in the state providing

pooches a place to get out and about off-leash with their owners. Designed with facilities and space for dogs to run and play off-leash, the park is fully fenced and complete with agility equipment, shelters, small/large dog areas, two hose stations and drinking fountains.

A variety of community groups including the Friends of Bark Park, a not-for-profit corporation made up of volunteer dog lovers, provided support for the park. Park Structures, Inc. and A Dog's Best Friend (canine

training) partnered to design and provide the agility stations for the park. Park hours October through March are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. April thru September. Please have proof of vaccination. Park entrance fees are as follows: for children under 5 - free; ages 6 to 12 - \$1 Monday through Friday and \$1.50 Saturday and Sunday; for ages 13 and up - \$1.50 Monday through Friday, and \$2 Saturday and Sunday. An individual annual pass is \$60 or \$100 for an annual family pass.

A People's Park Emerges

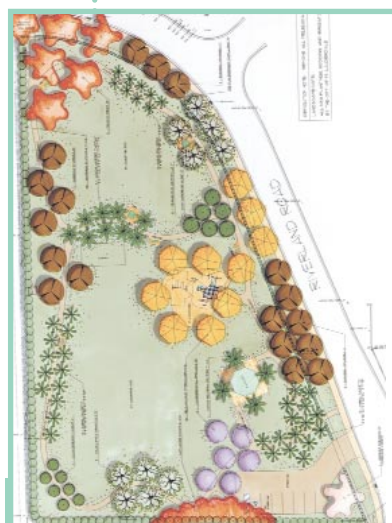
The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department and the Sunset Civic Association officially opened the grounds of Civic People's Park in October with plenty of amenities, greenspace and landscaping to enjoy.

The 4.5-acre park, serving the southwestern area of the city in District III, is located at 3781 S.W. Riverland Rd, near U.S. 441 on the 3800 block of Riverland Road. Amenities include a playground that is defined by a heart-shaped border and two large open green-space areas that are connected through meandering pathways. There is an oversized pavilion, plenty of

picnic tables and bar-b-que grills for gatherings. A unique feature to the park is the variety of rare flowering trees used in combination with tall Coconut Palms along with native selections. These truly add an exotic touch to the park.

"Thanks to the tremendous amount of neighborhood involvement and collaboration among the City crews, contractors and leading residents, the park is as unique as it is grand," said City Landscape Architect **Pete Strelkow**, A.S.L.A.

This final architectural rendering incorporated the expertise of City staff and strong community involvement.



*Shown above is a view of the land at the onset of construction. At left, City Irrigation Technicians **Marty Zidtowecki**, **Michael Foster** and **Roger Dykes** make the final touches to the park's irrigation system.*

Closing The Loop On Recycling

New Recycling Coordinator Branches Out Into Community To Promote Recycling Every Day In Every Way.



A tour of the Materials Recovery Facility provides insight on what happens to recyclable products after they are picked up by City Clean Services.

Recycling Coordinator Casey Eckels informs Recycle Corps members of new accessories for recycling bins.



Through Clean City Services, the Recycle Corps, dedicated citizens and a new Recycling Coordinator **Casey Eckels** on board, the City of Fort Lauderdale is about to take recycling to the next level.

After 10 years of promoting recycling for Broward County, Casey Eckels has joined the City of Fort Lauderdale to promote recycling, inform citizens about its importance and implement more programs that will make recycling easier and more interesting for all ages.

"My mission is simple: promote recycling at home, at work, at school, at play...and promote buying recycled products to close the loop. Why?

Because if we continue to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost, we save energy, landfill space, natural resources, and clean air," said Eckels.

Here are just a few items and dates to keep on record.

* Wheels and tops for recycle bins are now available to make it easier to take those bins to the curb.

* This year, the City will take part in a nationwide celebration known as America Recycles Day on November 15. America Recycles Day was established to increase awareness on the benefits of recycling and buying recycled products. This is an exciting opportunity for neighborhoods, schools and organizations to join the City in taking recycling to the next level.

* Don't miss the November 1, 2000 deadline for the Recycling Incentive Awards. Each year, homeowner and civic associations can submit year round recycling projects in exchange for incentive money directed to neighborhood beautification projects. Your organization must be a Recycle Corps member to enter.

For more information, contact **Casey Eckels** at **761-5577**.

Slow The Flow, Says SFWMD

Below average water table readings due to dry summer conditions has prompted concern for our water resources. As a result, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has requested the public to be water wise by voluntarily cutting back on water usage. Here are a few tips to help keep you water wise.

1. Landscape irrigation uses the most water. Limit lawn watering to three days a week, between 4 a.m. and 8 a.m. Odd-numbered houses should water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday; even-numbered on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

2. When washing a car, make sure the runoff spills onto your lawn or an area where it can soak back into the ground and replenish water tables.

3. Check for leaky toilets. Put a some food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the

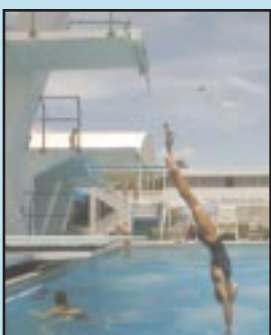
coloring begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak. Adjust or replace the flush valve or call a plumber.

4. Be mindful of the water used when taking a shower. Long, hot showers waste five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. Limit showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash and rinse.

5. Use automatic dishwashers for full loads only.

6. Use automatic clothes washers for full loads only.

AROUND TOWN...



Get In The Swim Of Things

The International Swimming Hall of Fame Aquatic Complex offers something for every spectator and athlete.

Whether it's lap swimming, learn to swim classes or watching some of the most exciting tournaments, the ISHOF has it all. For Swimming, the pool is open to the public Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The complex is located at 501 Seabreeze Blvd., one block south of Las Olas Boulevard on Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard. For information, call **468-1580**.

Jazzin It Up At The River

The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch continues to heat up Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Showcasing South Florida's finest jazz entertainers on five stages, and plenty of the local cuisines for purchase, the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch extends from Las Olas Riverfront to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on the first Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information on upcoming acts, call the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch Hotline at **761-5985**.

International Boat Show

The City of Fort Lauderdale will serve as host to the 41st Annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show October 26-30. Taking place at six locations throughout the City, the event is recognized as one of the largest boat shows in the world by displaying over a billion dollars worth of boats, yachts and accessories from every major marine manufacturer worldwide. In addition to watercraft and accessories, attendees will find numerous product premieres and a variety of special events. Best bet for beating the crowds is the Prime Time Preview admission, \$25 all day, on Thursday, October 26 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. General admission prices and hours are as follows: Adults - \$12; Two Day Pass \$20; Five Day Pass \$50; Children (6-12) \$4; Under 6 - Free; Friday - Sunday, October 27-29, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Monday, October 30, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For additional information, contact Yachting Promotions, Inc. at **764-7642** or **1-800-940-7642**.

Special 10th Anniversary Riverwalk Bricks Go On Sale

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale will offer a special 10th Anniversary Brick under the gazebo at Las



Olas Riverfront starting December 6. For \$125, the 10th Anniversary Bricks can be engraved with a name or personal message. Bricks ordered by December 17 will be installed by December 24. Assorted symbols, such as a Christmas Tree or Star of David, are available for \$10 each. Replica Bricks with a protective felt backing are also available for pick-up for \$29.95. Signature Bricks can be purchased by fax, phone, or mail. The contribution is tax deductible. Riverwalk Banners may also be purchased to commemorate holidays, businesses, anniversaries and birthdays. Prices start at \$175 for a Millenium Banner that will hang for approximately 9 months along the New River. For more information about the Riverwalk Signature Bricks or Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Inc., please call (954) 468-1541 or visit the Riverwalk's website at **goriverwalk.com**.

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Why Have Flood Insurance?

Recent tropical disturbances poured an average of 14 inches of rain on South Florida in a matter of 24 hours. Weather experts issued flood advisory watches from the tip of Key West to the northern boundary of West Palm Beach. While Fort Lauderdale experienced its share of flooded streets, the City was spared the massive, prolonged flooding that has affected many parts of southern Broward County and Miami-Dade County. However, the potential for a major flood still exists, especially when you consider that the most serious threat of flooding in South Florida occurs during hurricane season which runs until November 30.

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The City of Fort Lauderdale urges residents not to wait until after a disaster strikes to find out that homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage. Federally backed flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to protect homeowners, business owners and renters. For more information, contact your local insurance company or agent, or call the NFIP at 1-800-638-6620.

Residents can review floodplain maps to identify where their property lies in relation to the City's flood zone boundaries and flood elevation levels. Visit the Construction Services Bureau, located at 300 N.W. 1st Ave. or call 761-5203.

Tropical disturbances surrounding Florida's coasts recently poured more than a foot of rain in some parts of South Florida in early October.



In the event of a flood, remember the following flood safety tips from FEMA:

- Do not walk through flowing water.
- Look before you step.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Be alert for gas leaks.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- Remember that carbon monoxide exhaust can kill.
- Turn off your electricity when you return home.
- Clean everything that gets wet.
- Watch out for animals.

Hurricane Irene's torrential rains in 1999 made driving along the back roads of Broward County a hazardous challenge.

Photo Courtesy of FEMA News.



Steps To Take

Several steps can be taken to reduce flood damage to your property:

Electrical panel boxes, water heaters, washers and dryers should be placed in locations less prone to flooding.

If flooding is likely and time permits, move essential items and furniture to upper floors or higher locations in your home.

Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber handy for emergency water-proofing.

Other protective measures include: floodproofing walls and floors; regrading property lots; constructing a flood wall or other barrier; or elevating a home or building.

Check with the City's Construction Services Bureau, 300 N.W. 1 Avenue, before retrofitting, regrading, filling or altering your property, as these measures will require a permit.

Drainage System Maintenance

Help reduce the risk of waterway and drainage system back-ups by following the City's Stormwater Management guidelines:

1. It is illegal to dispose of lawn clippings, tree trimmings, trash or litter in storm drains, canals, rivers or waterways. This type of debris can inhibit the flow of water, causing back-ups and flooding. Report any illegal dumping to the City of Fort Lauderdale by contacting the Public Services Customer Service Department at 771-0880.

2. If your property is next to a canal or waterway, please do your part to keep the banks clear of brush and debris.

3. The City maintains a waterway maintenance program to regularly inspect canals, rivers and channels and help remove major blockages such as downed trees.

Stormwater Management

Help improve water quality by reducing the amount of pollutants in stormwater runoff.

1. Properly store oil, paint, chemicals and other toxic materials under a roof protected from the rain.

2. Never dispose of any type of hazardous products into storm drains, canals or waterways. Direct any questions about proper disposal of hazardous materials to the **Household Hazardous Waste Hotline** at 765-4999.

3. Take special care when using pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. Use only the recommended amount, apply to grassy or landscaped areas and avoid driveways and sidewalks. Excess amounts of these toxic products may be washed away during a rainfall clogging storm drains, canals and waterways, harming wildlife and polluting City waters.

4. Investigate alternatives to pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers which can be just as effective and much less harmful to the environment.

Flood Warning System

Local stations that will broadcast weather bulletins and warnings from the Emergency Alert System are: **WIOD 610 AM, WJNO 1290 AM, WTVJ NBC 6, WFOR 4, WSVN 7 and WPLG 10.**

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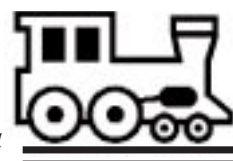
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Train To Play Station Boarding



The Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale has announced a drive that will build and equip a new and innovative playground for children at Holiday Park by Winter 2001.

In partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale, the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale is leading a fundraising effort that will underwrite the purchase of amenities and playground equipment for the Junior League Play Station at Holiday Park. The ADA accessible playground, featuring the famous train engine the community has grown to love over generations will include age-specific equipment designed for toddlers and juniors. The adventure begins with a multi-colored recycled rubber walkway serving as the R.R. Route where children can jump a train and soar down the tracks of their imagination to one of four destinations: Toddler Town U.S.A. for 2 to 5 year olds; Junior Junction and Kids Crossing for 5 to 12 year olds; and the Train Yard with swings and equipment for children all ages. Seven double park bench "rest stations" are located along the route for those well-needed rest stops and a multi-level drinking fountain will be located nearby for visitors to wet their whistles.

A covered picnic pavilion will be conveniently located near the entrance to the Play Station and will be available for school field trips, parties and family gatherings. Currently, 14 species of trees have been identified at the Play Station. With the help of the City's Urban Forester, **Gene Dempsey**, plans are underway to create nature stations along the route to provide children with an opportunity to learn more about the playground landscape and native plants. Donations ranging from \$50 for engraved paving stones to \$25,000 for one of four state-of-the-art-equipped play station train stops will provide a commemorative opportunity for individuals, families and corporations to display their support for one or more of the playground's features.

"The Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale is committed to building a better community with plans for this 1.2 acre fun zone that will stimulate young minds and give children an opportunity to learn about their environment," said **Laura Hatfield**, Playground Committee Chair for the Junior League.

"This is an exciting opportunity for individuals, families and corporations to take part in a signature playground that will serve generations," said **Tom Tapp**, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information on how to get involved with this exciting project, contact Laura Hatfield, Playground Committee Chair, by email at laurah@ci.ftlaud.fl.us or by contacting the Junior League of Greater of Fort Lauderdale at (954) 462-1350.



Plans for the site will transform the 1.2 acre area into the Junior League Play Station... Train Adventure Fun Zone.